PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q92435

Shigeto UCHIYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/562,687

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 3798

Examiner: Irene MARX

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For: EQUOL-PRODUCING LACTIC ACID BACTERIA-CONTAINING COMPOSITION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated March 6, 2009. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-8 and 13, drawn to lactic acid bacteria belonging to *Lactococcus*, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Claims 9-12.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted.

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